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SUBJ: UAE VOTES ON KOREA AT 30TH UNGA

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1. I CALLED ON MINISTER OF STATE GHUBBASH DECEMBER 20 TO CARRY OUT INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL. I SAID THAT AT CONCLUSION OF VOTING ON KOREAN ISSUE WE WISHED TO REGISTER OUR DISAPPOINTMENT AT FAILURE OF UAE TO SUPPORT US ON THIS ISSUE, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF LENGTHS TO WHICH WE HAVE GONE TO EXPLAIN IMPORTANCE USG ATTACHED TO IT. I SAID WE WERE INCREASINGLY CONCERNED AT PROPENSITY OF SMALL COUNTRIES TO ABSTAIN ON IMPORTANT ISSUES WHICH COULD ONLY HAVE EFFECT OF WEAKENING UN ITSELF. I URGED GHUBBASH THAT WHEN ISSUE AROSE AT NEXT UNGA AS IT SURELY WOULD IN ONE FORM OR ANOTHER UAE ENGAGE ITSELF IN ISSUE AND SUPPORT RESOLUTION WHICH OFFERED PRACTICAL PROGRAM FOR ALLEVIATION OF TENSION AS WELL AS PERSERVATION OF FREE WORLD SECURITY.

2. GHUBBASH PLEASANTLY BUT WITH NOTE OF IMPATIENCE.
HE HAD EXPLAINED TO ME MANY TIMES CONSIDERATIONS FOR UAE ON
THIS ISSUE. IT WAS FIRM AND ESTABLISHED UAE POLICY TO ABSTAIN ON
ALL VOTES ON KOREAN ITEM. IF THIS HAD BEEN NEW PROBLEM SUCH AS
ANGOLA IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE FOR UAE TO ESTABLISH FRESH
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VOTING PATTERN. WITH PREVIOUS RECORD OF ABSTENTION ON KOREA THIS

WAS IMPOSSIBLE. HE AGAIN WENT OVER REASONS WHY UAEG WAS BOUND TO TAKE CAREFULLY INTO ACCOUNT POSITIONS OF OTHER ARAB STATES ON THIS ISSUE.

3. GHUBBASH CLOSED, CLEARLY EAGER TO TURN TO OTHER SUBJECTS, BY SAYING IN ANY CASE THERE WAS PLENTY OF TIME TO DISCUSS SUBJECT FURTHER AS DATE FOR NEXT UNGA APPROACHED. STERNER

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